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SUBJECT: IMCO: SELECTION OF SECRETARY GENERAL

REF: A) STATE 100175; B) BOMBAY 1080 (NOTAL)

1. EMBOFF INFORMED GOI (MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING
DEPUTY SECRETARY J. K. BHATTACHARYA) MAY 30 OF US INTENTION
TO SUPPORT SRIVASTAVA CANDIDACY PER REF A. BATTACHARYA WAS
PLEASED WITH NEWS. IN REPLY TO QUERY OF GOI HEAD COUNT, HE
SAID MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS UN DIVISION CONSIDERS THAT
SRIVASTAVA WILL HAVE NO DIFFICULTY SURVIVING FIRST BALLOT.
BHATTACHARYA SAID HE EXPECTS MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TO
MAKE MORE DETAILED ESTIMATE I LA COUPLE OF DAYS. WE WILL FOLLOW
UP.

2. CONSUL GENERAL REPORTS FROM BOMBAY THAT HE CALLED ON
SRIVASTAVA
MAY 30 AND INFORMED HIM OF US DECISION. SRIVASTAVA EXPRESSED
APPRECIATION FOR CONFIDENCE MANIFESTED IN HIM BY USG AND FOR
SUPPORT. SRIVASTAVA TOLD CONSUL GENERAL THAT INDIAN EMBASSY
ALREADY REPORTED US SUPPORT FOR HIS CANDIDACY TO MINISTRY EXTERNAL
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AFFAIRS IN DELHI, BUT THAT HE PLEASED TO HAVE FIRST- HAND CONFIRM-
MATION. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION CONSUL GENERAL TOLD SRIVASTAVA
WE INTEND TO MAKE CLEAR TO OOUEERS CONCERNED THAT WE SUPPORTING
HIS CANDIDACY AND SEE NO REASON WHY HE COULD NOT MAKE REFERENCE
TO THIS FACT.

3. IN RESPONSE REQUEST AS TO CURRENT GOI HEAD COUNT ON
UPCOMING JUNE Y VOTE, SRIVASTAVA TOLD CONSUL GENERAL THAT IN
ADDITION US, USSR, BRAZIL, AUSTRALIA AND ALGERIA WOULD DEFINATELY
SUPPORT HIM JQD VERY LIKELY UK, NORWAY AND JAPAN WOULD SUPPORT,
IN VIEW US SUPPORT SRIVASTAVA OF OPINION HIS PROSPECTS NOW
PROMISING AND HE APPRECIATIVE.
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